

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 3, as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus comprising:  
scanning means for scanning a photosensitive member with a first light beam and a second light beam;  
a first memory for storing an image signal for modulating the first light beam;  
a second memory for storing an image signal for modulating the second light beam; and  
memory control means for starting writing an image signal for a first light beam in said first memory before an image signal for a first light beam for previous scanning is completely read out from said first memory, and starting writing an image signal for a second light beam in said second memory after an image signal for a second light beam for previous scanning is read out from said second memory.

2. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said memory control means controls the memory write-in so as not to simultaneously execute the write-in of said image signal for a first light beam and the write-in of said image signal for a second light beam.

3. (Currently Amended) A memory write-in control method for an image

forming apparatus having

scanning means for scanning a photosensitive member with a first light beam and a second light beam,

a first memory for storing an image signal for modulating the first light beam, and

a second memory for storing an image signal for modulating the second light beam, comprising the steps of:

starting write-in of an image signal for a first light beam in the first memory before an image signal for a first light beam for previous scanning is completely read out from the first memory; and

starting write-in of an image signal for a second light beam in the second memory after an image signal for a second light beam for previous scanning is read out from the second memory.

4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the first light beam image signal write-in step and the second light beam image signal write-in step are not simultaneously executed.